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her lap and jabs the hat pins in and sighs a long sigh that is like regal comfort." How can one write a criticism of that? Might as well criticize the way a mother cuddles a baby. These sermons are just versatile, big-hearted, audacious Bishop Quayle in his characteristic vein.

O. S. D.

FISKE, CHARLES. *The Experiment of Faith.* New York: Revell, 1918. 180 pages. \$1.00.

It is a fascinating task to present the fundamentals of Christian faith to thoughtful young men and women of college age. Not many men can do it well. The Bishop Coadjutor of Central New York knows how. He discusses fifteen subjects, using such interesting titles as "Letting Oneself Go," "The Joyous Yea," and "Where the Sky Begins." Bishop Fiske is frank and fair, positive and sympathetic. A young man who has been trained in modern science will understand what the author is driving at. The great truths are not whittled down or presented with shamefaced apology. This book ought to help young people who are trying to think through their religious problems. The author has rendered a positive service to the younger generation in this book.

O. S. D.

PAUL, JOHN. *The Way of Power.* New York: Revell, 1918. 190 pages. \$1.00.

The author is vice-president of Asbury College, Kentucky, and the lectures stenographically reported in this volume were delivered before the Japan Convention for Deepening the Spiritual Life. They set forth, with strong claims for scripture warrant, the idea of holiness, or perfection in love, maintained by John Wesley. The fundamental doctrine requisite to this idea is original sin. "A man must stand four square on the subject of sin and the fall of man, or that man is a dead letter, so far as promoting the Gospel is concerned," says the lecturer. Just what it means to stand "four square" on these subjects is not explicitly stated; it seems to mean "the sin which extends to the entire race and has reference to the fall of man." The style is graphic and realistic; for example, concerning the discovery of the expansive power of steam, the writer says, "This mystic giant which had been stalking through the earth ever since Adam and Eve cooked their first breakfast in the garden of Eden, was hitched to our freight wagons and began to shake the continents with its power." The lecturer lays needed stress upon the reality of spiritual experience and defines the way of attaining an altitude of love and peace which many Christians certainly have attained, and which many more ought to reach. This is an excellent restatement of Wesley's teachings.

O. S. D.

JOSEPH, OSCAR L. *Essentials of Evangelism.* New York: Doran, 1918. 167 pages. \$1.25.

The author writes in the conviction that a new era in thought and practice is upon us, and that only those institutions and programs which actually fit the modern situation will persist. The church must measure up to the new demands. Especially important is the message of the church and the method by which it is spoken home to the heart of the generation. There are thirteen chapters in the book. The discussion begins with a clear definition of the message and closes with an excellent section

entitled "Thinking Through." Evangelism is broadly conceived as the entire reproductive process of the Christian organism. Therefore it is varied and vital and a constant accompaniment of the living church. The author's practical suggestions seem to have come from a real experience with practical church work. He is thoroughly acquainted with the literature of the subject. The greater part of the material is well known, but it is clearly presented and well arranged. The average layman would be stimulated to keener interest in church work by this book.

O. S. D.

ROBERTSON, A. T. *Making Good in the Ministry*. New York: Revell, 1918.
174 pages. \$1.00.

Taking the scant material in the New Testament which refers to John Mark, Professor Robertson sketches the characteristics of a worthy Christian minister. The volume is interesting from the standpoint of New Testament criticism or of pastoral theology (if a post-war curriculum is to endure such a term). John Mark (Acts 12:12) is Peter's son and interpreter (I Pet. 5:13) and the author of the Second Gospel, in which he "used his recollections of Peter's preaching as the chief basis of the book." He used other sources, however. He finally won Paul's praise and affection. On the background of this history Professor Robertson presents an attractive sketch of what the true Christian minister must be. It is a high ideal and worthy of the most earnest endeavor of the modern man.

O. S. D.

STEVEN, GEORGE. *The Warp and the Woof*. New York: Doran, 1918.
xvi+289 pages. \$1.50.

In twenty-two chapters the author describes the development of a Christian soul, following the three divisions of intellect, feelings, and will. The author attempts to handle the matter according to the actual situations in which living Christian men and women find themselves. In the chapter "A Religion of the Will" we have a clear statement of the place of positive, courageous action in the Christian life. The experiences of the war and the life of Jesus are used to illustrate this aspect of the Christian religion. The study is happy and healthy throughout. Dr. Steven finds that life binds the normal soul to God rather than separating it from him. For a book that escapes the subtleties of rapt mysticism on the one hand and the dreary intricacies of laboratory psychology on the other, this is commendable. Especially valuable is the chapter entitled "Christianity a Religion of Joy."

O. S. D.

COFFIN, HENRY SLOANE. *In a Day of Social Rebuilding*. New Haven:
Yale University Press, 1918. 212 pages. \$1.00.

A wise selection was made when Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, minister in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and associate professor in the Union Theological Seminary, was chosen to give the forty-fourth series of the Lyman Beecher Lectureship on Preaching in Yale University. The lectures are now published under this interesting title. They are eight in number. The first is a frank discussion of the function of the church in modern life; the second, of the essential ministry of reconciliation; the third, of the task of evangelism; the fourth, of worship; the fifth, of teaching; the sixth, of